

12. **Allium sphaerocephalon**(L10) drumstick allium Amaryllidaceae

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**Basic ID** *egg-shaped flowers and narrow leaves*

**Zone:**4 to 8

**Type:**herbaceous perennial

**Height and spread:**M & Medium(0.5-1m/0.1-0.5m)

**Leaf & flower size:***tiny*, 7-8mm

**Bloom time:** mid summer(June to July)

**Evergreen/deciduous:**deciduous

**Flower & Fall color:** pink

**Leaf arrangement/Foliage:** strong onion scent, linear, strap-shaped or cylindrical basal leaves

**Flower/cone/fruit description(s):**egg-shaped flowers in summer that start off green, then *bloom from green to pink* and then clover red-purple.

**Recommended plant index** \*\*\*\*\*

**Common:***vertical presence and egg flower shape*/naturalize freely/elegant

**Tough:***tough* (drought)

**Disease:**no serious, Onion white rot and a downy mildew may occur

**Invasive/poisonous:**N/A

**Easy to be noticed:** *easy*

**Maintainence:** Low

**Useful cultivars and selections in Vancouver:**” ”

**Light:**full sun like to be sheltered

**Water use:** low to medium

**Soil requirement:** fertile, well-drained soil. Add grit when grown in clay soils

**Maintenance advice:**1.Plant 2 too 4 inches deep in fall

2.best with consistent moisture during the growing season, but tolerate drought after flowering

**Plant design combination:** especially peeking up through other plants, such as roses, so that there nondescript foliage are hidden.Best grown in *large groups or massed*.

**Grow Scenario:**May be naturalized. Grows well in *containers*. Good looking in *urban landscape*

**Suggested plant area:**attractive in a bed or border, City & Courtyard Gardens Coastal Cottage & Informal Garden Patio & Container Plants

**Texture:** natural texture

**Form:** natural shape

**Special usages in landscape:**smell /eco-flower(butterflies) /deer/cut and dried flowers